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TURKEY BREEDER HENS
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LESS TURKEY BREEDER HENS

Breeder hens on farms January 1 totaled 3.4 million, compared with 3.7 million a year earlier--a decrease of 7 percent. Heavy breed turkey breeder hens were estimated at 3.0 million, a decrease of 6 percent. Light breeds were estimated at 424,000, a decrease of 11 percent. Testing for pullorum disease from July through December were down 10 percent for heavy breeds and 17 percent for light breeds from the same period a year earlier. Heavy white breeds, which accounted for 15 percent of all heavies tested July through December, were down 32 percent.

In October, flock owners in 15 of the most important States indicated their intentions to keep 4 percent less heavy breed hens and 13 percent less light breed hens. This compares with 6 percent less heavy hens on hand January 1 and 11 percent less light type hens. Growers as of January 1 indicated they intended to raise about 1 percent more turkeys during 1958 than they raised during 1957. Their intentions were to raise 3 percent more heavy turkeys and 11 percent fewer light turkeys than were produced during 1957. The smaller number of breeders on hand January 1 could be offset by a fuller utilization of eggs and an extended hatching season.

Numbers of heavy breed hens on January 1 this year were below last year in all regions of the country. Decreases from a year earlier were 16 percent in the South Central States, 13 percent in the South Atlantic, 8 percent in the North Atlantic, 4 percent in the West, 2 percent in the West North Central and 1 percent in the East North Central States. The 10 leading States, with 73 percent of the heavy breeder hens in the country, ranking in the order named are California, Minnesota, Texas, Oregon, Missouri, Iowa, Ohio, Virginia, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

Light breed hens on farms January 1 were below last year in all regions except the East North Central region where they were up 23 percent. Decreases were 32 percent in the West, 29 percent in the North Atlantic, 15 percent in the South Atlantic, 10 percent in the South Central, and 6 percent in the West North Central States. The nine leading States, with 82 percent of the light breeder hens, are Virginia, Minnesota, Ohio, Texas, California, West Virginia, Missouri, Arkansas, and Oregon.

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TURKEYS: BREEDER HENS ON FARMS JANUARY 1

Heavy breeds

Light breeds

State and Division	1957	1958	Percent of 1957	1957	1958	Percent of 1957
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Maine	8	5	62	1	1	100
N.H.	9	9	100	1	1	100
Vt.	7	7	100	--	--	--
Mass.	25	23	92	1	1	100
R.I.	2	2	100	--	--	--
Conn.	13	12	92	--	--	--
N.Y.	41	39	95	1	1	100
N.J.	9	7	78	2	1	50
Pa.	55	51	93	8	5	62
N.Atl.	169	155	92	14	10	71
Ohio	123	116	94	36	44	122
Ind.	20	23	115	1	1	100
Ill.	27	32	119	2	3	150
Mich.	70	68	97	2	2	100
Wis.	69	66	96	3	4	133
E.N.Cent.	309	305	99	44	54	123
Minn.	280	292	104	70	79	113
Iowa	121	134	111	4	6	150
Mo.	164	140	85	36	18	50
N.Dak.	17	21	124	--	--	--
S.Dak.	10	7	70	1	1	100
Nebr.	34	34	100	1	1	100
Kans.	45	29	64	3	3	100
W.N.Cent.	671	657	98	115	108	94
Del.	3	3	100	--	--	--
Md.	16	11	69	3	1	33
Va.	102	80	78	113	104	92
W.Va.	13	9	69	24	18	75
N.C.	40	43	108	2	2	100
S.C.	61	59	97	4	4	100
Ga.	34	26	76	--	--	--
Fla.	15	17	113	10	4	40
S.Atl.	284	248	87	156	133	85
Ky.	51	48	94	1	1	100
Tenn.	18	16	89	2	1	50
Ala.	19	16	84	7	7	100
Miss.	32	29	91	4	4	100
Ark.	39	47	121	23	17	74
La.	23	19	83	3	2	67
Okla.	55	45	82	7	12	170
Texas	307	235	77	35	30	86
S.Cent.	544	455	84	82	74	90
Mont.	3	3	100	--	--	--
Idaho	4	4	100	1	--	--
Wyo.	2	1	50	--	--	--
Colo.	10	8	80	--	--	--
N.Mex.	4	4	100	--	--	--
Ariz.	5	6	120	--	--	--
Utah	37	40	108	--	3	--
Nev.	--	--	--	--	--	--
Wash.	77	54	70	5	3	55
Oreg.	231	213	92	18	17	94
Calif.	847	840	99	42	22	52
West.	1,220	1,173	96	66	45	68
U. S.	3,197	2,923	94	477	424	82